


REMARKS

In an Office action dated November 19, 2002, claims 15-22 were objected to because of the informality that claim 15 recites "a printer to output convert electronic signals.....". In response, Applicant has amended claim 15 to read "a printer to convert electronic signals....." thereby overcoming the objection.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that all claims are allowable over the prior art. Allowance of all pending claims at the Examiner's earliest convenience is hereby respectfully requested. In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, Applicant requests that Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amended claim 15:

15. (Twice Amended) A system to output printed documents comprising:
a printer to convert [output] electronic signals into a printed document, the printer having a configuration state that corresponds to a particular period in time;

a first client device that receives an input and transmits print signals to define a document to be printed on the printer, the first client including a local print registry that maintains the configuration states of the printer;

a second client device that receives a second input and transmits print signals to define a second document to be printed on the printer;

a print server coupled to the first client device and the second client device, the print server including a print server registry that maintains the configuration states of the printer; and,

software running on the print server, the software including a first code section that periodically polls the printer and compares results from the poll to the server registry to determine changes in configuration states, the software further including a second code section that transmits the changes in configuration states to the first client device and the second client device.